



February 21, 2020

Senator Dembrow, Chair
Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: City of Eugene SUPPORTS HB 4068 A

Chair Dembrow and Members of the Committee:

The City of Eugene supports HB 4068 A and urge you to vote Do Pass in Committee.

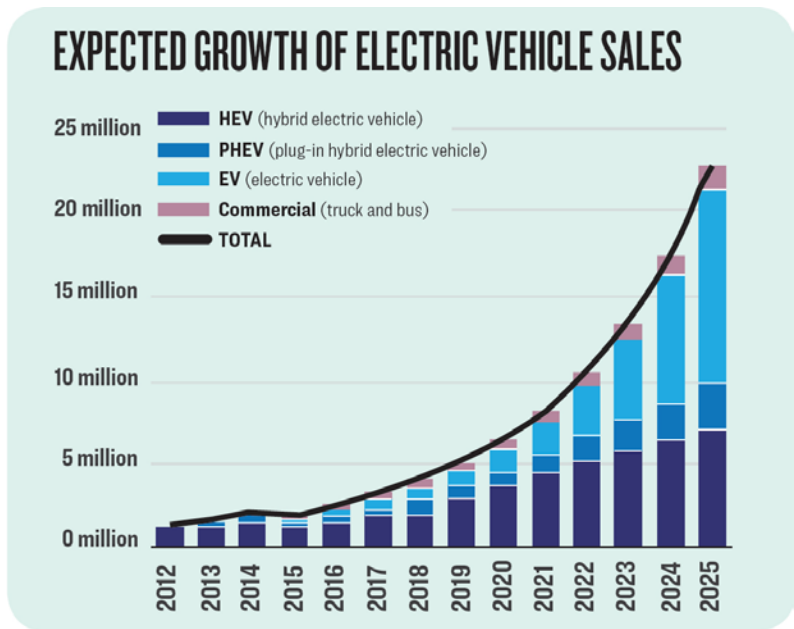
This bill makes sense. Yes, it will lower the costs for a transition to electric vehicles (EV) in Oregon communities. Yes, it provides the most cost-effective manner for this infrastructure through including within the Oregon Building Codes. Yes, it provides one more support for Oregonians to reduce carbon emissions from the transportation sector. Yes, it includes the technical requirements that trades and industry need for safety and clarity.

But the most important reason to support this bill is that it sets the foundation for Oregon to be prepared for the future. All major vehicle manufactures are investing in EV currently, with brands such as VW moving towards EV only business lines.

As Oregon communities invest millions of dollars over the next 10 years on new building construction, we must act now to utilize this opportunity to cost effectively build the infrastructure to support this new transportation model.

The chart to the right illustrates the forecast for EV growth over the next 5 years. HB4068 meets this growth through building requirements for garages and multi-family buildings to include the electrical service capacity to meet 20% of the buildings parking capacity. This is smart policy, that sets the state-wide minimum, and allows communities that want to increase that parking percentage higher-should the governing body support it.

Thank you for your support of HB 4068.
Submitted electronically
Ethan Nelson, Intergovernmental Relations Manager



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